



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

THRU: Christopher Shorter, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: December 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 20200220-046 – Zilker Park Family Amusement Train Vendor

Since the September 29, 2020 update regarding Resolution No. 20200220-046, the Parks and Recreation (PARD), in collaboration with the Law Department, engaged the Austin Parks Foundation (Foundation) to finalize a partnership agreement. Staff believes execution of the agreement will be completed by December 31, 2020 which completes two of the four action items set forth in the resolution.

The following two action items outlined below will require additional time to complete:

- Conduct a competitive solicitation process upon implementation of the Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan and
- Coordinate critical engineering repairs to erosion on the tracks.

The Foundation and its engineering team are nearing completion of required track engineering studies. The Foundation is prepared to move enter into a contract for the erosion repair work. Staff anticipates this work to be completed by summer 2021 prior to re-opening of the Train to the public.

The solicitation of a permanent vendor is contingent upon completion of the Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan process. The planning process began in November and is anticipated to continue through 2021 with possible plan adoption in 2022. Implementation of the elements of the Vision Plan will commence after official adoption. With that in mind, staff is requesting the extension of responses related to Resolution No. 20200220-046 to December 31, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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